

Songe language

Songe, also known as **Songye**, **Kisonge**, **Lusonge**, **Yembe**, and **Northeast Luba**, is a Bantu language spoken in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Ethnologue notes that Songe is "related" to Mbagani, which they do not include in their database. Maho (2009) labels as "Mbagani (Binji)" one of the two geographic areas *Ethnologue* assigns to Songe, but says that it is closer to Lwalu; he says that it is a different language, Binji, that is close to Songe.

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Songe	
Native to	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Region	Kasai-Oriental province
Native speakers	(1 million cited 1991) ^[1]
Language family	<p>Niger–Congo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Bantu ▪ Luban ▪ Songe–Binji ▪ Songe
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sop
Glottolog	song1303 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/song1303) ^[2]
Guthrie code	L.23 ^[3]

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